

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE CITIES ALLIANCE**

This **Memorandum of Understanding** is entered into between:

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)

And

THE CITIES ALLIANCE, with address at 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20433, United States of America.

WHEREAS, the Philippines is among the fastest urbanizing countries in the world with 60% of its population residing in urban areas;

WHEREAS, the rapid pace of urbanization in the country has brought forth both significant opportunities for growth and negative impacts such as slum formation, pockets of poverty, high population densities, unemployment, and environmental degradation;

WHEREAS, the decline in access to basic services highlights the need to improve the technical capacity of cities to provide higher level of services, in the face of constrained resources and growing urban populations;

WHEREAS, the government, both at the national and local levels, and its development partners are pursuing programmes to address the challenges, and the opportunities, brought about by rapid urbanization in many parts of the country;

WHEREAS, the Cities Alliance is a global coalition of cities and their development partners with the common commitment to pursue sustainable approaches to reducing poverty by fostering dialogue and cooperation among development partners and mobilising long term investments that will enhance the capacity of cities to provide services to all residents, and respond to the current and expected demand of urbanization;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Philippines and the Cities Alliance have continuously collaborated to promote the welfare and development of Philippine Cities and address urban issues in the country through slum upgrading programmes and the City Development Strategies (CDS) Programme, which is often viewed as international best practice;

WHEREAS, the challenges brought about by the rapid urbanization in the country calls for the enhanced cooperation between the Government of the Philippines and the Cities Alliance to advance inclusive and pro-poor development through more programmatic and long term strategies that will further sustain economic growth and poverty reduction;

WHEREAS, the enhanced cooperation between the two parties is envisioned to promote innovative and complementary activities to facilitate more effective resource allocation and encourage the more proactive and wider participation of other Cities Alliance members in helping Philippine Cities; and



WHEREAS the Cities Alliance and its members wish to actively promote the sharing of the Philippines' national and city experience with cities and countries elsewhere in the world, and for the Philippines to act as a resource within the Cities Alliance.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Government of the Philippines and the Cities Alliance, through their respective representatives, hereby manifest a shared understanding to:

- a. Develop a **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** that presents the enhanced collaboration between the two parties and details their respective responsibilities and commitments which include, among others, strengthening the roles of the concerned National Government Agencies (NGAs) and the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) as knowledge resource centres to Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Philippines and in other developing countries; and
- b. Formulate a **STRATEGIC JOINT WORKING PROGRAMME** that identifies the key areas for multi-year collaboration between the parties, such as but not limited to climate change mitigation and adaptation, citywide and nationwide slum upgrading, city development strategy expansion and knowledge transfer, as well as the corresponding resource requirements and allocation from the Government of the Philippines and the Cities Alliance.

Signed on this 27th day of August 2009 at the launch of the Philippine Urban Consortium in Quezon City for the:

GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

CITIES ALLIANCE

**Housing and Urban Development
Coordinating Council (HUDCC)**



**Department of the Interior and Local
Government (DILG)**

League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)

Witnesses:
